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SUBJECT: SOVIET EFFORT TO WIN TUNISIAN SUPPORT FOR
SOVIET PARTICIPATION IN NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE

FONMIN SECRETARY GENERAL MESTIRI TOLD ME ON SEPT 6.
THAT ABOUT TEN DAYS AGO SOVIETS HAD DISPATCHED TO TUNIS
AND TO OTHER NORTH AFRICAN CAPITALS, SOVIET FONMIN OFFICIAL
WITH RANK OF AMBASSADOR FOR PURPOSE OF SEEKING TO PERSUADE
NORTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENTS THAT USSR SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO
ATTEND NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE. SOVIET OFFICIAL ALSO SOUGHT
SUPPORT FOR ATTENDANCE OF EASTERN "BLOC" COUNTRIES, AND IN
PROCESS EXPRESSED STRONG ANTI-CHINESE VIEWS. MESTIRI SAID
THAT TUNISIAN WERE SOMEWHAT TAKEN ABACK BY SOVIET INITIATIVE
AND THAT SOVIET EMISSARY WAS SEEN ONLY BY DIRECTOR OF
POLITICAL AFFAIRS SALAH LADGHAM. MESTIRI SAID HE
COULD NOT EVEN RECALL NAME OF EMISSARY. NEEDLESS TO
SAY, TUNISIANS DID NOT RPT NOT THINK SOVIETS SHOULD
BE CONSIDERED AS NON-ALIGNED NATION.

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